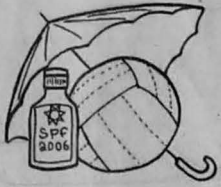


How did baseball and softball do this season? See the wrap-up on Pages 10 and 11



What are you doing for the summer? Check out summer plans on Page 4

## New flat screens installed in UC

By JULIA HUNTER  
The Shield Staff

Over the Easter weekend four flat screen monitors were installed in the University Center.

The monitors showcase information about USI, upcoming events and dates to be aware of.

These sets replaced previous ones that were bought over 15 years ago and have had problems in recent years.

"They would break down or would be on the wrong station," said Dana Willett, production manager of instructional technology services at USI.

The new monitors, which are still under warranty, will cut down on maintenance and have a

longer life, said Willett. Mark Rozewski, vice president of business affairs for USI, who was not available for comment, proposed the idea of the new flat screen monitors.

The 40-inch monitors will have automated features, such automatic on and off capabilities and will display a crisper image. "I think they will give the university a modern, more updated appearance," said Willett.

The monitors will have capabilities to play full motion videos.

"If there was severe weather, the university would be able to broadcast the weather station from the University Center," said Willett.

Students have mixed opin-

ions on the new monitors.

"The old monitors were just fine," said Scott Hayes, sophomore at USI. "At least they fit into the wall. Now there is a big hole from where the old ones are that you can still see and it is tacky."

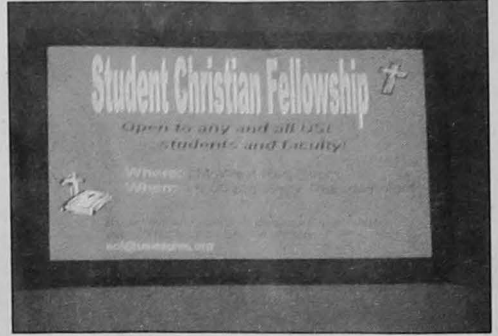
Some don't notice them enough to care.

"I don't look at them that much," said Ryan King, USI junior.

Brent Griffin, a radio and TV major at USI, thinks the new monitors are nice, but isn't so sure that is where he wants his tuition to go towards.

"The penny I paid for [the monitors], I want it back," said Griffin.

Similar monitors may also be installed in the new library.



Over the Easter holiday, four 40-inch TVs were installed in the UC. The TVs display information of events on campus and announcements. Although some feel it makes the university look more modern, others disagree or don't care. The price was not disclosed at the time of writing.

Photo By Adrian Stoica

## USI alumni host wild time at zoo



Gavin Dauby, 5, pets an alligator at the Animal Encounter portion of USI Day at the Zoo. The event is going on its 4th year for and this year, had 300 reservations with many alumni and their children in attendance. Last years event was canceled due to incimate weather.

Photo by Julia Hunter

### News Briefs

-A study from the Cyclotron Research Center in Belgium shows that pulling an "all-nighter," instead of spending the night sleeping, will most likely result in lower test scores.

-Notre Dame graduate and New Orleans Times-Picayune reporter Michelle Krupa won a Pulitzer Prize for herself and the entire staff of the New Orleans newspaper. She graduated in 2000.

-Facebook.com is allegedly for sale. As reported in recent articles from Business Week and The Harvard Crimson, founder and Harvard student Mark Zuckerberg, along with peers Dustin Moskovitz and Chris Hughes, have apparently turned down a \$750 million deal.

According to Business Week, Zuckerberg is probably looking for a better deal -- possibly for as much as \$2 billion.

- Reports of mass arrests of illegal immigrants over the weekend have caused a panic in the Austin, Texas, Hispanic community, prompting area civil rights groups to take action.

-In a study conducted in February of this year, 2006, the Business Software Alliance, a group of major software companies that fights piracy, showed a 20 percent drop in illegal music downloads over the past two years. The study also showed an 8 percent drop in illegal game downloads and a 7 percent drop for movies.

- University of Texas students are reacting with nervousness and shock in response to a McCombs School of Business database breach that may have left approximately 106,000 people vulnerable to identity theft.

### From U-Wire Reports

## The reality of Meth

By BRANDON COLE  
The Shield staff

"It is impossible to do anything normal if you are on meth," said Jerry Tooley, Evansville City police officer and member of the Joint Narcotics Task Force.

Tooley and Stepping Stone's LCSW, Jackie Williams spoke Monday about methamphetamines, or "meth."

"Meth makes crack cocaine look like a sissy drug," said Tooley. Only 4% of meth abusers get treatment are actually healed for life, according to Tooley's statistics.

"Why is meth so dangerous? Some of the ingredients to cook this drug are pseudo ephedrine tablets, anhydrous, starting fluid, and lithium battery acid.

"Your body can only metabolize so many things, and then it comes out of your skin," said Tooley.

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## USI students don't miss a beat in protests

By LEAH BARR  
The Shield Staff

After two months of striking, marching and barricading university doors in protest of the new CPE labor law, French students and professors have finally gone back to school after President Jacques Chirac announced April 10 that the law would be withdrawn.

"The 'democratie de la rue' (democracy of the street) always wins in France!" USI junior Nicole Wittmer said.

Wittmer and senior Kyle Miller were caught right in the middle of the conflict during their

semester abroad at Rennes 2 University.

"For two months, the only students going to class [at Rennes] were foreigners," said Dr. Leslie Roberts, chair of foreign languages.

"We live in a small, interdependent world, and events halfway around the world can do impact our daily lives," said Heidi Gregori-Gahan, director of international programs and services.

Rennes 2 University was blocked from early February until April 20.

Student unions organized a national day of protest March 7

and according to police estimates, 400,000 people took to the streets of France.

Thousands of students marched on Paris; some of the marchers burned cars, assaulted journalists and broke shop windows.

Several hundred students in Tours invaded a railway station, throwing themselves onto the tracks to keep the trains from leaving.

Wittmer said she and Miller were treated "very, very well" by everyone.

The French protestors allowed foreign students to pass through the barricades and attend

classes. However, sometimes angry strikers turned peaceful protests into violent demonstrations.

"It wasn't uncommon to see dumpsters set ablaze, rocks thrown, windows broken, and doors ripped off their hinges," Wittmer said.

"Our immediate concern was for their safety, and whether or not they should remain in France. The students reported to me that they did not feel they were in danger," Gregori-Gahan said.

It all started Feb. 28 when the French senate adopted the "first employment contract," or CPE. The desired result of this law

was more flexibility in France's economy.

The government claimed the only way to combat high unemployment rates (about 23 percent) among workers under 25 was to give employers the right to fire workers under 26 at-will, with no compensation or reason given, for the first two years of employment.

In an environment where a good degree is no guarantee of finding work, young workers felt that they had little to lose by striking.

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## RISC presentation needs more participation

By BRANDON COLE  
The Shield Staff

"Undergraduate research is important because it goes beyond the classroom," said Vectren R.I.S.C. keynote speaker Dr. Kevin Basler.

Last Saturday students presented their research to faculty, students, and other various observers.

Basler, a physicist, is very interested in photography.

Basler was self-taught himself photography and has been involved with the art/science for seven years.

"Science is a very creative field, and what is nice about the art of photography is that it is also very scientific"

**-Dr. Kevn Basler, Associate Professor of Physics**

Although paralyzed, he has managed to take landscape pictures all across America.

"Science is a very creative field, and what is nice about the art of photography is that it is also very scientific," said Basler. "In particular, there's a lot of physics

in photography; it's about optics, light, and timing."

RISC committee chair and associate professor of geology Dr. Jim Durbin was very pleased with the students that came to participate and watch the event.

Dawn Tedrow, a student pre-

sender, offers her advice to anyone who may be thinking of presenting at next years function.

"Practice with other classes. Find a teacher that is willing to help," said Tedrow.

There were varied presentations, from lack of child care resources to media portrayal of

"There were no art presentations. They should be shown here," said Durbin.

He said pretty much all the presentations had to something to do with scientific research.

While Durbin was very pleased with the students that came out, he feels that their could

be a lot higher student participation and a wider array of disciplines.

In order to remedy the problems at hand, Durbin hopes a couple of things can happen next year to accommodate our high percentage of commuter students.

He hopes to change the time of the event.

"Later in the day, or a day during the week would better serve the student population," said Durbin. "Better communication between other schools," would help to create a better RISC presentation."

## Editorial

# Answers difficult to get at USI

Information at USI is attainable, but it can be difficult to get answers to burning questions.

Many times, and we can speak from experience, students are bounced from one office to another. If lucky, we're bounced between phonelines.

Bad idea: Calling the campus operator, explaining your question and expecting to get transferred to the right person on the first try.

Good idea: Doing a few minutes of research on your question so you know what line to ask for when you call the operator.

This university has numerous

administrators willing to help with answers readily available. The problem remains how to get in touch with the person that has the answers you need.

Do administrators and their assistants know the right office to direct questions to? Some know oodles and can give you an office number off the tops of their heads. Others don't know, say "I'm sorry," or they just don't have the time to be bothered.

Questions should be directed to proper offices. If you get no answer, ask for the number to someone who might have it.

## Bush administration shakes up with McClellan and Rove stepping down

By GREG ASHER  
The Shield staff

There has been considerable press coverage of what has been called a shake up in the Bush administration.

On March 28th, his previous Chief of Staff, Andrew Card, resigned. A man named Josh Bolton, who not long after taking office, is reported to have said to his colleagues, replaced him. "If you're thinking about leaving, now's the time."

Soon afterwards, Press Secretary Scott McClellan and Karl Rove, senior policy advisor, announced that they were stepping down from their positions. These resignations came amid several demands for the resignation of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, and widespread criticisms of the administration as a whole.

There have been some speculation that these resignations were given to protect Donald Rumsfeld from continued calls for his dis-

missal from several prominent groups including six former generals. President Bush defended his decision to keep Donald Rumsfeld, saying that he was "the decider."

All of this doesn't quite make sense, especially since one would be expecting the president to be making decisions anyway. It doesn't even make sense to paint McClellan and Rove as sacrificial lambs. They have both been friends with the president since his governorship of Texas, making them seem fairly well protected.

Their resignations also deflect none of the criticisms from Donald Rumsfeld, and Rove is being retained in a lesser position. McClellan himself has nothing to do with the actual policy of the administration or the unpopular wars in the Middle East, but only is responsible for giving official statements on these things as more or less a PR man.

The press secretary resigning wouldn't be newsworthy on its own. Any political science major

could tell you the job traditionally has a high turnover rate, due to the inherent stress of fielding difficult and angry questions for the president.

McClellan's own duties were made somewhat worse by the fact that he was given wrong information he thought to be true, both about the war in Iraq and the CIA leak investigation. The press generally viewed him as a front man who did not know more than he told.

It wouldn't be newsworthy now if it weren't for Karl Rove's demotion and that strange call from the new chief of staff that seems like a call to abandon ship.

Conspiracy theorists are going wild with all the possibilities. Maybe they really are bailing before a scandal hits. Maybe they weren't as liked by the president as the press believed and were asked to resign for various foul-ups.

Perhaps new people were found who could do the job better. Or, perhaps they were just overworked and wanted a vacation.

## Mollohan: innocent until proven otherwise

By ROB SHEEHAN  
The Shield staff

On Friday, April 21, Representative Alan B. Mollohan (D-West Virginia), stepped down from the House ethics committee amid allegations of using his position as a Congressman to enrich himself. It seems that Rep. Mollohan has suddenly (and, according to some, inexplicably) gained a large amount of wealth.

In 2000, Mollohan reported has real estate value and other assets at \$562,000. In 2004, that number had reached \$6.3 million.

Mollohan asserts that all of this wealth was gathered legally through an inheritance, investments, and a value boom in Washington DC, where the property in question is located.

However, the National Legal and Policy Center, who first brought these allegations to light, details more coincidences and discrepancies in a five-hundred page report, including funneling \$150 million to five non-profit groups in his district that he had personally helped establish.

The leader of one group, Laura Kurtz Kuhns, was Mollohan's appropriations aide, and was also involved in a \$2 million North Carolina investment venture with Mollohan. The National Legal and Policy Center says it has found 262 separate instances of demonstrable falsehood in Mollohan's financial disclosures.

Now, it has been said by many that the National Legal and Policy Center is a conservative group, simply looking to smear a Democrat in the most embarrassing position possible.

However, even some Democrats have questioned Mollohan's credibility over these disclosures. One issue Democratic leadership aides are looking at is one of Mollohan's non-profit groups, which paid its three top executives a total of \$777,000, after which this group and certain contractors and connected groups contributed generously to his campaign committee and his private family foundation.

Now, the most obvious question is: Is Mollohan guilty? My answer: Not until convicted.

Mollohan gets the same rights as everyone else. He is innocent until proven guilty.

However, this misses the bigger picture. This situation has the potential to be disastrous for the Democratic Party. If the ranking Democratic representative is forced to step down from the ethics committee because of unethical behavior, it takes a lot of the bite out of the Democrat's "Culture of Corruption" argument.

What with ideological entrenchment these days, Democrats are sure to be convinced that this is a witch hunt.

However, Democrats were looking to disillusion moderate Republican voters with the "culture of Corruption" strategy. If this issue finds traction, or others like it pop up, it will be harder to bring moderates across the aisle. The only thing this argument will accomplish is more political cynicism.

## Class Act

By Rob Sheehan

THIS PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT GOES TO ALL STUDENTS WHO FEEL THAT THEIR SCHOOL HAS CHEATED THEM!

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## Test drugs are bad, mmmkay

By WES GROGAN  
The Shield staff

There aren't many college students that don't understand what it feels like to be short on cash. What we're willing to do for cash can sometimes be staggering and often defies common sense. Some people get traditional jobs on or off campus, others sell their plasma, and still, others do jobs that I really don't want to ask about for a variety of reasons. Would any of them be willing to volunteer for drug testing, though? I truly hope not.

It can sound appealing when you hear the advertisements. If you "volunteer" for drug testing, you can spend three to five nights at a testing center and get paid a ton of money at the end of the testing cycle. Non-pregnant, non-smoking, healthy adults only, please. It sounds easy and painless, and surely any inconvenience is worth it.

Well, maybe not so much. An Associated Press article recently reported on a London man who participated in a test for

the drug TGN1412, which was being researched for its effectiveness in battling leukemia and autoimmune and inflammatory diseases. The article states that Ryan Wilson, 20, woke after being unconscious for three weeks to discover that the "tips of his fingers and all of his toes [were] black." All for the low, low payment of only \$3,500, organ failure and convulsions. What a deal!

There are options locally for product and drug testing, such as Research Solutions here in Evansville, but is it really worth it? We're not talking about experimental drug use for patients with no other options, but volunteering to put strange, relatively undefined substances in your body for cash. The risks? Well, if they knew that, they wouldn't need volunteers, would they?

The way I see it, you know what you're getting into when you agree to work as a waiter or burger flipper. Selling your plasma may be more creepy, but it's an established procedure with known

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# USI should adopt more food choices

By JEREMY BISHOP  
The Shield staff

From a freshman's point of view, walking into the University Center for the first time they notice only two choices of affordable food that they can utilize their meal plan with.

Their two choices are some delectable, greasy burgers with fries at Burger King or some cold sandwiches with chips at Sub Connection. No one expects to have a home cooked meal like they did back home living with their parents, but other options would be nice.

You may be thinking it's the

individual's fault for not going to the grocery store to get the supplies they need to cook their own meals.

However, the truth is that some students just don't have the time to cook or the money to shop. Some of us students have to rely on our meal plans provided to get nutrition.

Granted, there are some healthy choices provided, but who really wants to eat a veggie sub on wheat with no cheese every day, three times a day? Where is the spinach mushroom melt, zucchini italiano and mushroom tortellini?

Where are the southern green beans, fruit dishes and fruit pizzas

all at one low price included in the meal plans? You may think such meals do not exist on a college campus but they do. Being a transfer student from Middle Tennessee State University, I have been spoiled by the splendors of varieties of foods only excluding breakfast selections, which was a choice between biscuits and gravy or gravy and biscuits.

Here at USI we have four places to eat, versus the nine places at MTSU. USI is making an effort to upgrade that will include a much-needed Starbucks but still has a long way to come to meet standards other colleges have set.

With over 100 food choices Sunday through Saturday just in the cafeteria, the food choices at MTSU have the food choices at USI blown away. The hours of operation at the MTSU cafeteria are Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 7:30 pm (Friday dinner ending at 6:30pm) with Saturday and Sunday being open from 11:30am to 7:30pm. As many of you know if you plan intend to eat on campus during the weekend you only have the choice between The Loft and Burger King.

In essence, choices not only for varieties of meals, but varieties of times offered are issues at USI. This doesn't mean one should hop

off down south to attend a slightly bigger school (approximately 10,000 more students). However, dropping a hint to the university to go above and beyond its standards could show other prospective students in Indiana, other states and other countries progression.

Starting with a simple initiative, such as beefing up the meal plan choices, could spark an added interest. This initiative may not be the grandest of improvements such as the new library but it is still an addition to the improvement of USI and important to many students who have to rely on what the campus has to offer for dinner.

# Immigration issue raises more than just a few questions and eyebrows

By TYLER G. MITCHELL  
Special to The Shield

For weeks I have been trying to look at the illegal immigration issue from a different point of view. So far, I am not doing so well. Why do people say things like immigrants make up the American fabric? No one disputes what role immigrants have played in our nation. The issue facing us today is about illegal immigrants, which compose 95 percent of all outstanding warrants for homicide in Los Angeles.

The illegal immigration issue has gotten so out of hand in some states like Arizona the National Guard has been activated to protect its borders. We simply cannot afford to keep undocumented people here anymore. So what are we going to do, give amnesty to everyone here illegally already to fix our governments screw-ups? What does that say to everyone who waited patiently for his or her turn to become a "legal" citizen?

There is a lot to this issue, and I do not know if it can ever be solved in a suitable manner. For

the meantime, imagine yourself going to a foreign country waving the American flag, demanding that you be given rights just like every other citizen. How far would you get in your demands? Why do people think that if they come here illegally that our government is entitled to meet their demands?

I have asked too many questions to myself while writing this, and for that I'm sorry. Let's understand one thing: These are some very poor people we are talking about. We all know it's a "hard knock life" in many areas around

the world. I don't blame them for wanting to come here, but they have to come here the legal way. Maybe if Zachary Taylor (former president and general during the U.S.-Mexican War) would have stayed for a little longer in Mexico during the 1840's he could have instilled some new ideas or maybe added a few states to our country.

Perhaps that would have changed the relationship with our southern brothers.

Tyler G Mitchell is an Education Major.



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# Cybertown offers fun and friends to those that pay

By MATT LEE  
Special to The Shield

Cybertown is an online family oriented chat site. With many different "rooms," it offers something for everyone with every room full, or close to it, and an online tournament going on daily with new players entering every minute. And to make this site the

premier of chat sites, it has a 3D world. This glimpse of Cybertown shows what the site used to be. However, nowadays it is a little different. If you visit, you'll see that a company called Integrated Virtual Networks (IVN) runs the site. For a time, Cybertown was free to anyone, any age, anywhere. Anyone could join and be entitled

to all site benefits and make new friends while having a lot of fun doing things site-related. IVN started losing money on Cybertown because it became so popular they could not maintain the costs to keep the site the as was. In 2002, the man-in-charge from the IVN site made the announcement that the site would

become a subscription site, costing \$5 a month. Myself and many other citizens in this online city were outraged. We either could not or did not want to pay \$5 to remain a member of the site. As a result, cybertown lost its huge popularity and thousands of members. All in all, Cybertown is a fun

place to go, meet new people and make some lifelong friends who care about you more than just any average person you meet online. If you are interested in seeing what the site has to offer there are a few ways to do it without paying. Log on as a visitor just to explore. Visitors cannot chat, but they get the chance to see what the

site is and see if they want to join. Another way is by taking the 30-day free trial. With this, everything on the site is available to you with no payment. After 30 days you can decide on whether you want to join or not. **Matt Lee is a freshman majoring in Computer Information Systems.**

## Peace among religions should prevail

By BRANDON COLE  
The Shield staff

Why is their so much animosity, unrest and utter hatred among such fundamentally peaceful religions of God? The Jewish, Christian and Muslim faiths all believe in the creator, a monotheistic God of peace. Extreme actions that lead to the death of innocent people based on beliefs are not only reckless but irresponsible as well.

People have to learn to stop being close minded. In America we have freedom of religion, but people are persecuted for their beliefs. Jews are put down for the death of Christ, and stereotyped as being miserly. Muslims are portrayed as extremists that are hell bent on death and destruction. Being Christian in America is sometimes looked down upon because of moral beliefs that separate them from other factions.

How many wars have been waged in the name of God? People kill other people and justify it by saying that it is God's will. There are some things that are worth fighting for in life; difference of opinion on the accuracy of written documents should not be one of them.

Extreme behavior leads to the thinking that you and only you are completely right. The creator, God, or whatever you call him, can not be happy about the way his children battle over the best way to worship him. People over time have been said to have edited and omitted some passages in religious literature. The idea is still there, but these three religions just have different belief structures.

Overly conservative beliefs and taking literature out of context for political gain seems to be taking over.

In America, it is your right to choose what you believe in and how you want worship. Everyone should take advantage of this right and not necessarily follow behind a group because it looks good. We are not to judge someone's relationship with God.

Muslims, Christians and Jews are in a constant battle. People are quick to persecute someone that is not exactly like themselves. If you are a member of one of these three religions listed above and you love a creator, do you really think he wants you to judge your fellow brother.

John Lennon said it best, "All we are saying is give peace a chance."

# Senioritis hits USI students and spreads

By JONDI SCHMITT  
Editor in chief

Senioritis has hit campus, and it has hit hard.

This ailment, misleadingly entitled Senioritis, does not discriminate. It will strike any and all who are involved in academia, including seniors, freshman and faculty.

Symptoms of this serious, but non-fatal disease can include irritability, a craving for fun, procrastination and an almost unbeatable urge to miss class. If you, or someone you love, suffer from these

symptoms the cure is in sight: the end of the school year.

What is it about the last month or so of a school year that causes people to be fed up, annoyed and on the verge of insanity?

Most of the world works all year round, but something about the world of higher education that causes all bets to be off. Students and professors work on a different internal clock that senses those summer months around the corner.

Once this internal clock is on, a student or faculty member senses

those vacation days. It must send out some hormone that causes the disease sufferer to be unable to think of anything but a break. This hormone, of course, would be undetectable by any modern medical equipment.

In reality, perhaps the difference between someone in academia and someone who is not is the ability (or lack thereof) to see an end to the monotony of work and school.

Someone who works year round does not have this luxury. Outside a week of vacation, occasionally there is no end in sight.

Students and faculty are lucky in the sense that the end of each semester offers a chance to take a breather, step back and relax. The end of a school year is even more of an opportunity to get away from the norm.

Even those who will teach, take a summer class, or work a summer job or internship know that something different is coming. The difference breaks up what could become mind-blowing monotony.

Perhaps this state of apathy has come to be called Senioritis because seniors are ready to be

done. They see the end of the academic road, they can almost touch it, but as they reach out to take hold it slips away.

Seniors are ready to move on to the next stage of their lives. The monotony of academia is over for most of them.

The rest of us would be smart to look for ways to avoid catching the Senioritis bug in the future.

We could look for things to keep our jobs and classes new and interesting.

But we can't really fight that nasty little Senioritis hormone, can we?

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risks and safety precautions. Volunteer drug testing simply involves too many unknown variables.

Instead of putting an advertisement on the radio for the latest exciting drug research opportunities, perhaps they should look at other ways of researching their medicine. With thousands of people

unable to buy established medication such as Lipitor, it's a little strange to me that someone could get paid to take medicine that has only been tested on animals. It's a matter of priorities, I suppose.

After all, once these companies make sure that no one dies, they can charge people that really need it through the nose.

## Comparing USI apples to Shield oranges

By JENNIFER MURPHY  
Opinion editor

Criticism can be hard to swallow, but in certain professions and businesses, it can only be expected.

Take, for example, a federally-funded university. It will receive criticism for spending too much money on, say, a speedbump or slow signs and ignored for the people they

might protect or slow down.

The very same types of devices might have been praised if the cost were more minuscule and less huge. It's someone's job to go through the list of acceptable contractors and find the best fit for that university, financially and fundamentally?

When that person falters, I jump at the chance to write about it. Why? You may ask.

It's my job. What else

comes with my job, too? The very same criticism. So, what's the difference?

Coming to USI, one has a sparkly image of the university before stepping foot in the UC. Joining the journalism jobforce, the preconceived image is dull and negative. A hole has already been dug for aspiring journalists to climb out of before ever getting published.

Talk about a slippery slope.

# Do you know you?

By TYRREN BONDS  
Special to The Shield

Time is said to mend all things. However, man, for compositional reasons, is often too impatient to realize it. By his own design, man has made time to be more than a natural enemy. Man has made time its ultimate oppressor.

Life has become a blur to most of us. There never seems to be enough time for anything. With all the distractions people face in this country, it is easy to see how things have become so unbalanced socially.

People view themselves hung in a Catch 22: time without money or money without time. While assessing society to be worse than it truly is, most people become consumed by insignificant emotions and desires that lead to the always nurturing arms of materialism. Heartless compensation is what they have allowed themselves to succumb to.

As the days pass, most people lose themselves in the sights

and sounds of their fleeing existence. Mankind questions bigger aspects of life, such as creation, but fails to limit its inquiries to a basic field. Often, the answers to problems lie right under our noses.

In this era, it is not that people don't care. People don't understand.

A highly intelligent man once said there are three vital things to know at all times in life: who you are, where you are and who and what you are dealing with.

How many people can honestly say they know exactly who they are?

Who we are as individuals goes beyond a name, history, preference or prejudice. Although these are included in the equation, they are not the true essence of an individual. Who we are as individuals is more easily defined by our talents, character and intuition, but instead of using this for construction of mankind, we turn it around and "capitalize."

There is individuality and freedom that flows from being in touch with yourself. Henceforth,

no one can truly be an individual until they have knowledge of themselves, and all social functions require the addition of individual units to comprise the collective.

Democracy and manmade systems like it will always fail because man possesses flawed reasoning and limited comprehension.

Both the flaw and the limit of a government begins and ends with a single person.

Those without vision will forever be doomed to surrender their lives to someone else's. Americans have betrayed themselves and haven't realized it yet. People speak of revolution, but it has already taken place. In 2000, people were obviously in search of direction and found it.

Time cannot be physically slowed down. People need to analyze their perception of society and realize time is not the oppressor; they wrong themselves.

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## Cost of recycling trash cancels out advantages

By DAVID BROWN  
The Shield staff

May we try thinking critically again? Do not believe everything you see. Do not believe everything you hear. Do not believe everything you read. Do not believe everything you think. In fact, just to encourage a good habit, go ahead and disbelieve everything that follows.

In a discussion with a USI alumna, a noted social service woman, and a Ski soda drinker, I finally came to appreciate the terror alert scale and that we live under a threat, a terrible, terroristic threat. It is real. It is on going. And it is going on all around us. The threat is not an obvious one. It is tacit and subtle and rooted deep in our lifestyle. Energy consumption, a vital part of our economy and in some states, a critical economic leg, begs for regulation and standards.

Despite the glaring need for enforced standards and prioritizing, we lack the means and methods to preserve our quality of life. Despite attempts to control emissions and material pollutants, our very conservation preys upon us, undermining our safer mines and scrubbed smoke stacks.

Indeed, according to this discussion, recycling consumes so much energy that its cost negates the value of not throwing away her empty Ski cans.

Terror Alert Green! No more blanket international battlefield for the war on terror. According to this well-reputed college grad, now a new reusable threat reduces our security to a spent husk of waste and wasted time.

Recycling is here, on our street corners and in our kitchens. It is in our offices and our government buildings. Now what?

Show me what has been prepared for our security, for our families' security, that will grind out this risk. Has the whole terror alert scale and pan-media terror campaign just been a foul lip service in the faces of those willing to watch?

Actually, this discussion is

really a gross misrepresentation of the costs and benefits. In fact, there is a rigorous effort to maintain a strengthening transition into sustainable manufacturing and energy production.

This position, that recycling is actually an economic threat, misconstrues a range of factors and produces a very narrow perspective. By precluding certain costs of mass waste disposal, one may decide to see an agreeable result. This is simply limiting the aggregation of costs, which is basically stacking a deck. This is an especially useful way of looking at it, since the position was originally championed by the illusionist Penn Gillette. Believe it or not, there are better economic analysts than a saucy magician.

Outside of it exemplifying how even a college education doesn't necessarily grant one with good ideas, how does this affect USI? It is a reminder to be careful of what we're told. The logic this alumni followed is similar to the way normalized statistics can represent bias.

Energy budgets corrupted by misleading numbers are not unheard of but examples of confusion surrounding waste management aren't all so obtuse.

Consider Stockridge, Mass vs. Arlo Guthrie, a case of waste misconduct that might well remind us that there are also legal costs tightly wound into something as simple as throwing away trash, even if you can get anything you want at Alice's restaurant.

My concern with this issue additionally runs another current: I live in Evansville, Indiana, a long-time river bend silt deposit for cockamamie ideas that make a person want to drive his head through a wall for the better part of a morning. I learned to look for the crazies a while ago. How did this slip by me for so long?

But seriously, if nothing else, can we drop the terror alert scale yet? It's just taking up space at the bottom of the screen, which could be devoted to something that might possibly matter in any way at all.

**Online Poll:**  
Do you have problems getting your academic/administrative questions answered?

50% Yes, I have to go to several offices before I get an answer.

33% Sometimes. It depends on the department

17% No, It's really easy

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## Letter to The Shield

**To The Shield:**

Turns out yet another negative side effect to smoking is loss of math ability. Ever notice the "No smoking within 30 feet of the building" signs on the doors of about every campus building? The sign says 30 feet, but I find students smoking at most 10 to 20 feet away from the door, with a lot of smoking right in front of the door entrance. If I'm about five feet tall, there should be six of me laying head to toe, from the door, to where the pollution should start. I know this and I'm not so great at math. This offers the obvious conclusion that tobacco must cause math skills to decrease to the bare minimum or be non-existent.

If this isn't the case, then maybe tobacco causes a form of blindness or nearsightedness, preventing the no smoking signs from ever being read.

Whichever the case, it makes me feel sorry for the blind or math impaired smokers of our population. We can only hope that science will allow them to eventually learn to cope and interpret the signs and regulations around them. Here's hoping for a cure!

**Jamie Hinton**  
Senior



# And hope grows in Brooklyn

## A child's determination to walk defies medical possibilities

By JULIA HUNTER  
The Shield staff

Brooklyn Sullivan watched the people walk back and forth from the counter at the ice cream shop.

She was wearing an orange shirt with a rhinestone-adorned "Love" printed on the front, a stripe skirt and her "Dora the Explorer" Velcro tennis shoes.

A purple Care Bears backpack covered in hearts hung from the wheelchair she sat in.

Brooklyn sipped her mother's iced tea. That might not seem like a big deal to most, but for Brooklyn, sipping out of a cup on her own is something her mother never thought would be possible.

"I didn't think she'd ever be able to control the amount or hold the cup on her own," said Emily Sullivan, Brooklyn's mother.

Brooklyn is 4 years-old. She was born with Cerebral Palsy, Agenesis of the Corpus Callosum, Mosaic Turner Syndrome and Optic Nerve Hypoplasia.

Brooklyn cannot walk. She only speaks a few words, although she can communicate some through sign language.

Sullivan has difficulty holding up her torso on her own. On hot days her body becomes "floppy." Through the winter, her limbs are much more rigid.

Recently, Lambda Chi Alpha raised \$3,000 during their 14th Annual Teeter-totter-a-thon to help pay for Brooklyn's medical bills.

"As far as mentally, she is sharp as a tack," said Emily. "She mostly struggles with speech and physical things."

"We do flashcards with her and she can pick out what each thing is. She's pretty sharp. Her problem is expressing herself."

Brooklyn's muscles are affected by her Cerebral Palsy, CP is damage to the child's brain that causes them not to be able to use their muscles in a normal way. Because of her CP, Brooklyn cannot walk. She began crawling this year.

"It's a big, big, big deal," said Emily, as she went on to explain Brooklyn's difficulty using her stomach muscles.

At the mention of the word "belly," Brooklyn raised up her orange T-shirt to show off her belly-button.

Brooklyn has perfected her crawling in recent months. First, she would move her hands first and then allow her feet to catch up. Now, both her hands and feet move in sync. This is a sign that Brooklyn's brain is re-routing itself, which allows her to coordinate normal movement. The progression of Brooklyn's crawling is an indication she may walk.

"She wants to walk," said Emily. "She tries to step out of my arms, but her muscles just won't let her."

Brooklyn showed off how strong she is getting by taking baby steps around the ice cream shop as she held on to one of her mom's hands.



4-year-old Brooklyn Sullivan remains happy while she struggles with four different debilitating disorders.

Photo By Emily Sullivan

"Her physical therapist has told me she wants to start seeing her twice a week. She doesn't want her to regress. She is very hopeful she will walk."

The corpus callosum, a thin membrane between most people's left and right brain hemispheres, is missing in Brooklyn. This is called Agenesis of the Corpus Callosum. The corpus callosum is

responsible for transmitting information between both hemispheres. Less than 1 percent of the nation has ACC.

"Some people have this missing and don't realize it," said Emily. "They find out later in life and have previously been diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder, and then all the puzzle pieces come together."

Brooklyn's ACC has impaired her physical development, causing her Optic Nerve Hypoplasia, an eye disorder, and caused her low muscle tone.

Turner Syndrome is a disorder where females are missing one of the two X chromosomes normally found in females. In severe cases, the baby is born without a uterus or other female organs.

Brooklyn has a rare type of Turner's Syndrome, called Mosaic Turner Syndrome, in which the female has half of her pairs of X chromosomes still intact.

Brooklyn attends Easter Seals Rehabilitation Preschool in Evansville, where she receives occupational, physical and speech therapy.

Brooklyn receives Botox therapy for her CP. Botox injections allow the muscles to build up muscle mass.

"Before she would lay limp and her hands would stay fisted," said Emily. "Now she uses her hands perfectly."

In addition to the medical therapy she receives, Brooklyn also attends horseback therapy every Thursday at the Lazy G Ranch. This method is also referred to as hippotherapy.

This helps with her physical and sensory handicaps.

"At first she didn't even want to touch the horse, now she cries when she has to get off," said Emily.

Hippotherapy utilizes the same muscles as walking.

Brooklyn also rides the horse backwards. This strengthens her limp jaw muscles and helps with posture.

The stares don't seem to bother Brooklyn's mother.

"She's such a pretty little girl, and she has to be in a wheelchair," said Emily. "So I can understand why they stare."

"People come up to me all the time and tell me how beautiful she is. They tell me God sent me a blessing. I know that they are right."

Things were not always happy times for Emily or Brooklyn's father.

"We both went through periods of depression," said Emily.

"It's hard [after being] pregnant and having the expectations of a normal child and certain dreams and hopes for your child. But, just because she is a little bit different doesn't mean they are not possible."

Emily believes Brooklyn is there for her to learn from. So far, she has learned patience and to enjoy life more.

Due to Brooklyn's Cerebral Palsy and ACC, it is difficult for her to talk. She does say "mama," "dada," "go," and on occasion she will utter unexpected words, such as "McDonald's."

As Brooklyn wheeled herself up to the counter at the ice cream shop -- ready for her treat, Emily said, "It's all in there, and I'm sure she thinks it, but it doesn't come out all the time."

# Summer Cinema Showdown

## The Da Vinci Code VS Snakes on a Plane



(U-WIRE) SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. -If you haven't seen previews for either of these movies, we will sum up the major plot points of each film.

"The Da Vinci Code" is based on a popular novel written by the Shakespeare of our time, Dan Brown.

Amid church conspiracies and religious fanaticism, one man must uncover the secret truth of Jesus' bloodline.

In "Snakes On A Plane," there is a plane, and it's full of

snakes.

### Cast credibility

"The Da Vinci Code" is headlined by an all-star cast which includes two-time Oscar winner Tom Hanks, the beautiful Audrey Tautou, the accomplished Ian McKellan and a most-likely-to-be-evil-in-this-movie Alfred Molina.

"Snakes On A Plane" features the always-pissed-about-things Samuel L. Jackson, and people who might have appeared as extras in the "Cinemax After-

Dark" line of films.

Advantage: "The Da Vinci Code"

### Screenplay

We noted above that "The Da Vinci Code" is based upon a book written by acclaimed writer, theorist and alchemist, Dan Brown.

Brown's book truly turns the film adaptation into pure gold. He put a lot of work into the book, and although he didn't write it (or so reports say), it is great nonetheless.

"Snakes On A Plane," however, was adapted from the Goosebumps novel "Snakes In My Locker!"

Since these are the two most popular books Cal Poly students have read, and in many cases the only books, moviegoers should feel free to acquaint themselves with them before the film.

Advantage: "The Da Vinci Code"

### Number of snakes

Let's start off by saying there

are a lot of snakes in "Snakes On A Plane."

However, upon closer inspection, the film editors have cleverly re-used the same snake in all scenes involving a snake.

The Da Vinci Code also has one snake, but it's a lot bigger, and it appears in Tom Hanks' pants.

Advantage: "The Da Vinci Code"

### Length of movie

We're sad to say that "The Da Vinci Code" is over six hours

long, though we understand because every one of Brown's words are read by either actors or Morgan Freeman's riveting narration.

"Snakes On A Plane" takes the original trailer from the movie and re-edits it, with an ending that promotes the sequel of the film, "Snakes on Air Force One."

The sequel features the original "Air Force One" movie, re-edited with enhanced snake graphics.

Advantage: "Snakes On A Plane"



"Going to Germany to study abroad and then later to go visit a friend in Florida for a week."

Jill Victor  
sophomore, international studies



"[I'll] be going places all summer until right before fall semester will start. Going to San Francisco, Bonaroo Music Festival in Manchester, Tennessee and Europe [touring in eight different countries]."

Daniel Wedding  
freshman, undecided

## How will you be spending your summer?



"I am staying here and I am not going home. The world is my option."

Sali Khan  
junior, undecided



"Going home, getting a job and relaxing, like camping. I enjoy camping."

Kaysi Cunningham  
freshman, special education

By ANTHONY PATE  
The Shield staff

The semester is finally ending and the opportunity to leave this city is at hand, but for those who can't leave there are a few things one can do to have fun in this town.

Evansville is not such a bad town to raise your kids. It is the

third largest city in the state and is one of the top ten safest cities to live in the country. That has to count for something.

We did, for a while there, have the largest street festival in the country.

While your friends are in other countries or in Florida walking on the fine white sand beaches of Tampa, you can say I stayed

in E-ville driving on the Lloyd.

If you don't have a car or know someone who does, road trips are always good for the soul. There are a few places close by that are definitely worth the drive to check out.

Fourth Street in Louisville, Ky. is an awesome place to go for, the weekend with bars like Howl at the Moon with the dueling

pianos. Ask them to play any song and they will play it. Indy and Nashville are always just 3 hours away. St Louis or Cincinnati is four hours away, and if you're real daring, Holiday World is only a mere hour away.

Meanwhile, back in Evansville, there are of course the bars such as Fast Eddy's, O'Brian's,

Smitty's, B'dubs (Buffalo Wild Wings) and Show Me's on the downtown and east side.

The Fox and Hound English Pub and O'Brian's have good pool tables for the pool player. News 4 U is a good publication to find what's going on in town as well as the various Evansville magazines.

Believe it or not Evansville

has restaurants from Amish to Ukrainian. Getting a group of friends to go to Nagasaki or Iwataya Japanese restaurants is always fun, but save a paycheck or two if you want a shot or two of sake.

A summer in Evansville can have a lot to offer. Remember, good times are only a good friend away.

# Go ahead, be a rebel. Wear white after Labor Day

By **BETSY GENTRY**  
The Shield Fashionista

The rules of wearing white only during Memorial Day through Labor Day no longer apply. White is wearable anytime of the year, but a question still remains - what's the best way to wear it?

White can be especially tricky during those first few months of the year when you may not have shed those extra pounds yet from winter. Trends have transformed this year a lot from the previous seasons; therefore, new rules for wearing white apply this spring and summer.

**White Blazer:** A complete white suit looks ultra chic, but also try pairing a crisp white blazer with jeans and heels. Summer is the time to bring out cropped blazers as well.

If you're wearing a white suit to work, wear a white or neutral shell underneath. Harper's Bazaar suggests that wearing white with nude tones look best.



**White Top:** Famous fashion designer, Carolina Herrera, says the key to wearing a white top is to make sure the cotton looks crisp and fresh and does not fit too tight.

She also suggests not wearing white if it has faded. Try wearing a fashionable baby doll style top in white; the airy flow of baby doll styles make them a must have for summer.

Try finding this style that also has ruching, smocking or an empire waist for an added slim-

ming effect. Wearing a basic baby doll style without any other details can look very unflattering. Also, try finding a longer style that hits just at the hips.

**Wear a Belt:** Wearing a belt, preferably a chocolate brown shade, helps contrast the white tones of the outfit. This looks its best when wearing an all white outfit or dress since it takes away from the monotony.

Wearing a belt higher on the waist is one of the more popular trends this season. Try wearing the belt slightly above the navel for the best effect.

**White Jeans and Linen:** White jeans are the trickiest to wear. A lot of women have trouble with extra weight in the hip area and white jeans tend to hug that section.

But if you must wear white jeans, pair it with a top that comes down lower on the waist. This will help cover up some of that area while still getting away with wearing white jeans.

Try to avoid skinny leg white jeans even though skinny leg denim is a huge hit this season. This will only maximize all of your body flaws and possibly give the illusion that you are bigger than you really are.

Also, if you are completely opposed to white jeans, try white linen pants. Linen allows more room in the legs, but is still very light for warmer days.



**White with Wedges:** White

tops can sometimes look too much like something you would wear to bed, especially when the material is made primarily of silk and lace.

To draw attention away from this bedtime look, pair a white top up with wedge or chunky heels. This will make people aware that you weren't just about to go to bed.

Try staying away from ballerina flats when you wear a silk or lace white top.

**Scent of the week:** Valentino V Absolu. This scent is a nice summer blend of fruits and subtle freshness. Notes include mandarin, fig, pink grapefruit, orange blossom, vanilla bourbon and incense. Found at department stores.

**Splurge:** Juicy Couture track pants. These cropped pants are perfect for pairing up with a white tee and wearing to class or finals. A loungewear outfit like this still makes you look put together without looking sloppy. Colors available are Chocolate Truffle, Ivy

League, white and black. [www.saks.com](http://www.saks.com).

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**Fashionista suggests:** Juicy Couture shirred top at Barney's New York. This black top is easily worn on for a casual event with jeans or can be dressed up with a skirt and pearls. This top is \$39 at [www.barneys.com](http://www.barneys.com), which is a good deal for this store. Sarah Jessica Parker once claimed shopping at Barney's was "the decadent of the world."

**ASIDES**  
BY NICK FOLE

**Answer to 4/20 Sudoku**  
Answer to puzzle

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6	1	4	2	8	5	3	7	9
7	2	3	9	6	4	1	5	8
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## Teach an old T new tricks

By **LEAH BARR**  
The Shield staff

I'm an avid crafter, so of course my heart went pitter-patter upon discovering "Generation T: 108 Ways to Transform a T-shirt." Do-it-yourselfer Megan Nicolay has put together a must have book for anyone who has ever wished they could give their old shirts some new spice.

Almost everything you never knew a shirt could become is in this book, from skirts to rugs to earrings, legwarmers, a blanket, an iPod case and even a formal gown! (And yes, the gown actually looks pretty appealing.)

All 108 projects and then some are laid out in 255 colorful



pages, and each is categorized on a scale of 1-to-5 for the level of difficulty.

My favorites so far are the "Brokenhearted" tee, "That's a Wrap" blouse, "Knee Huggers" legwarmers, and the "Cinch City" skirt.

And if 108 designs just aren't

enough, there are four pages of sketch-space in the back for your own unique creations.

Those wary of sewing will be pleased to find a crash course in the book's first chapter. Also, many of the projects are no-sew or have at least one no-sew variation.

With plentiful pictures, easy-to-follow instructions, a conversational tone and T-shirt trivia scattered throughout, this book is a highly addictive one-stop source for a DIY wardrobe makeover, new accessories and inexpensive gift ideas.

Check it out if you're looking for something to keep you busy this summer.

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## News and Notes

• Senior pitcher Lindsey McNaughton was named the Great Lakes Valley Conference softball pitcher of the week. She went 3-0 for the week and threw her first career no-hitter against the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

• Tickets for the third annual "Battle at the Braun" baseball game between USI and UE, scheduled for Wednesday, April 26, are on sale now in the USI Athletic Department. Tickets are \$5.

• The Vice President of the Indianapolis Colts, Kurt Humphrey, will be on campus at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 27, in Mitchell Auditorium in the Health Professions Center. He is one of the guests scheduled to speak to students interested in a business career.

# Eagles fly to second place in GLVC

By MICHAEL LONER  
The Shield staff

The University of Southern Indiana Screaming Eagles took on the University of Missouri-St. Louis in a doubleheader this past weekend.

The Eagles swept their competitors from St. Louis, allowing them to reach the 30-win mark for the year.

The first game, Missy Grover pitched seven innings and gave up eight hits along with two earned

runs, she also managed to strike out four batters to get her 18th victory of the season.

USI was able to jump on top in the first game with a triple from Lindsay Ligmanowski.

Kathy Wood was then able to hit into the outfield to allow her teammate to score.

The Eagles were able to hold on to the lead for the rest of the game.

Missouri-St. Louis was only able to score two late runs in the seventh inning, which was cer-

tainly not enough to overcome USI.

The Eagles won by a score of 6-2 in the first game of the doubleheader.

In the second game, the Eagles were led by pitcher Lindsey McNaughton. McNaughton was able to get her first no-hitter in a USI uniform.

She allowed just three base runners. Of the three, she beated two and walked one. She also recorded four strike outs. She goes to 15-8 on the season.

Kristin Eickholt was 2-4 in the game and hit a double in the third to break the scoring drought. The double led to her single season school record 17th double of the 2006 season.

The Eagles were able to score three runs in the third inning and another in the fourth.

Three runs in the fifth sealed the deal. USI won by a score of 8-0.

USI moves into second place in the GLVC heading into the final weekend of the season.

They face Kentucky Wesleyan this Saturday in a double header to end the regular season.

The Eagles are 33-14 on the season and 15-5 in the GLVC.

Senior pitcher Lindsey McNaughton threw her first no-hitter against the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She was named GLVC softball pitcher of the week.

Photo by Elizabeth Courtney  
News and Information



## Who's Hot?



**Kristin Eickholt - Sophomore pitcher/third baseman**

Eickholt tied the school record for doubles in a single season against the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She has hit 17 so far this year.



**Missy Grover - Senior pitcher**

Grover won her team-high 18th game of the season against the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She struck out four and did not give up a walk. Grover has won 10 out of her last 11 games.



**Darin Mastroianni - Sophomore second baseman**

Mastroianni went 5-8 with a triple, double, three singles, a stolen base and three runs scored in a doubleheader against Lewis University.



**Jesse Davis - Senior track athlete**

Davis posted his second straight NCAA II provisional qualifying time. He finished fifth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 9 minutes, 19.83 seconds. He also posted a provisional qualifier in the 800 meters last weekend at the Pacesetter Invitational.



**Brandon Jones - Freshman track athlete**

Jones broke his own school record in the 400 meters again with a time of 48.47 seconds. He finished tenth in the event at the Vanderbilt Invitational.

## Momentum strong down the stretch

By ERIN HOBGOOD  
The Shield staff

Men and women's track and field traveled to Vanderbilt University on April 21-22 to compete in the Vanderbilt Invitational.

Schools such as Austin Peay, Western Kentucky, Middle Tennessee, Southern Illinois, Arkansas State, Memphis and Alabama A&M were in attendance.

USI runners had quite a bit of success during the meet.

Crystal Stock, a senior from Mt. Vernon, finished second in 3,000 meters with a time of 9 minutes 48.22 seconds. Her time was a NCAA II provisional qualifying mark.

Stock also competes in the 1,500 meters, and earlier in the

season at the Pacesetter Invitational in Terre Haute, she received an NCAA II provisional qualifying mark for her time of four minutes 33.06 seconds in the event.

Earlier in April, Stock's running earned her recognition as Little State Female Track Athlete of the Year, for her performance during the 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Indiana Little State Track and Field Championship.

Another USI runner having success was senior Jesse Davis of Bloomington. Davis competed in the men's 3,000 meters placing fifth.

He received his second straight NCAA provisional qualifying mark by qualifying with a time of 9 minutes 19.83 seconds.

Davis' first provisional mark came during the Pacesetter Invita-

tional in the 800 meters event with a time of 52.00 seconds.

Freshman Brandon Jones is another upcoming talent for USI. He competed in the 400 meters and finished tenth with a time of 48.47 seconds.

His time broke his old school record of 48.78 seconds that he set during the Indiana Little State Track and Field Championships.

Other USI runners to watch out for are juniors Missy Burgin of Sellersburg and Molly Gilland of Osgood.

Both had first place finishes at the Indiana Little State meet. Burgin finished first in the 3,000 meter steeplechase and Gilland won the high jump event.

On the men's side, other runners earning honors are senior Jake England of Valparaiso and

freshman Chris Kirkwood of Bicknell. Kirkwood finished fifth in the high jump for the Indiana Little State meet and England finished fifth in the 1,500 meters.

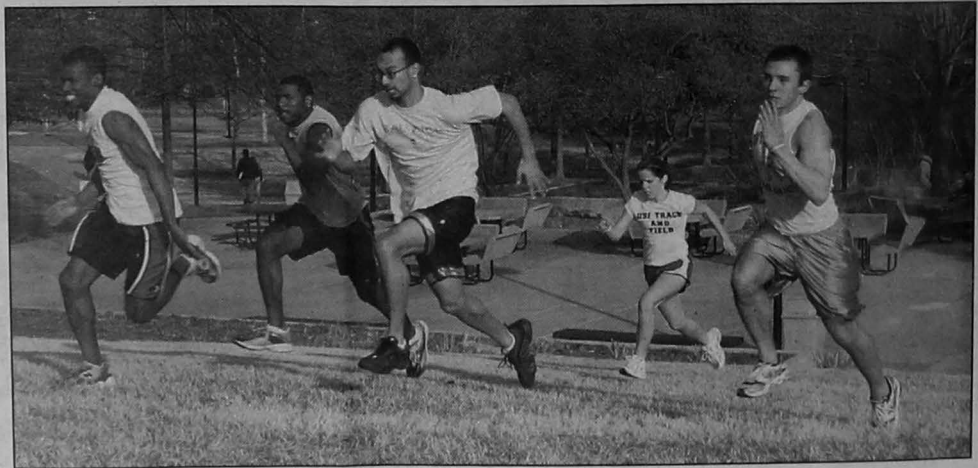
Next for the USI track team is the Hillsdale "Gina" Relays hosted by Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Mich.

USI is sending 10 student athletes to Michigan to compete in the event April 27-29.

After that event, the GLVC Championships will be held May 5-6 at Rensselaer and then the eagles will have a small break before competing in the NCAA II Championships on May 25-27 in Emporia, Kan.

Members of USI's track and field team run up the hill outside the University Center.

Photo by Jennifer Murphy



## Three-peat for women's golf team

By RAY SIMMONS  
USI Sports Information

The University of Southern Indiana women's golf team was selected to play in the NCAA Division II Tournament and the East Regional for the third straight season Monday night.

The East Regional is being hosted by the University of Findlay at the Findlay Country Club in Findlay, Ohio, May 1-2.

Each regional consists of six teams and three individuals play-

ing 54 holes.

The top two teams and top two individuals not on an advancing team go to the NCAA Division II Championships at The Meadows in Allendale, Michigan, and is being hosted by Grand Valley State University.

USI placed fourth in its first regional appearance in 2003-04 and fifth last season.

As a team this season, the Eagles have averaged 329 strokes per round with a low of 310. The

team's best tournament of the year came last fall when the Eagles placed second in the GLVC Championships. USI shot a 630 in the 36-hole tournament.

Individually, USI is led by senior Alisha Luigs. Luigs, who was second in the GLVC Championships, averaged 77.6 spr and had a low of 70 in the conference tournament.

Luigs is followed on the team by freshman Tara Wiley, who is averaging 83.9 spr. Wiley posted her best 18-hole score at the

GLVC Championships, shooting a 78 in the second round, and 36-hole score of 156 in the Northern Kentucky University Spring Invitational.

The three, four, and five players on the team are senior Tara Ulmer, freshman Kayla Roark, and senior Carly Ellard. Ulmer is averaging 84.4 spr, while Roark and Ellard are posting nearly identical scores at 86.1 spr and 87.5 spr, respectively.

USI is the fourth seed in the upcoming regional.



# Baseball drops a duce

By MICHAEL LONER  
The Shield staff

The University of Southern Indiana Men's Baseball team lost both doubleheader games to Lewis University.

The Eagles lost the first game, which started at noon, in ten innings by a score of 4-2.

USI pitcher Adam Vetter pitched all ten innings and gave up ten hits.

He gave up two hits in the tenth inning that proved costly for the Eagles.

Overall, he pitched a good game while recording 11 strikeouts, 2 walks and out of the four runs only three of them were earned. Vetter dropped to 4-3 on the season.

The Eagles were able to match the Flyers in runs both in the first inning and then again in the ninth inning, but the Eagles were unable to match the two runs scored by the Flyers in the tenth and final inning.

In the second game, Eagles pitcher Mike Watson gave up three runs in the first inning and then two more runs in third.

USI was able to score two runs of their own in the third, and one in the fourth to bring them within one run.

However, that was as close as the Eagles would get. The Flyers won by a score of 6-4.

USI had the runners, but were unable to get the hits with runners in scoring position.

The Eagles left a total of 10

men on the bases throughout the entire second game.

USI's offense just could not seem to get it done.

The best chance was in the sixth inning with the bases loaded, but Josh Malone flew out to end the inning and end the threat.

That was the story of the game for the Eagles.

USI drops to 19-28 overall and 15-27 in the GLVC.

The Eagles will finish their season at home this weekend when the host St. Joseph's College who is 5<sup>th</sup> in the GLVC this Saturday and Sunday.

**Sophomore infielder Sam Shahine dives back to first base.**

Photo by Greg Nixon  
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# USI spends jack to renovate the PAC

By JEREMY BISHOP  
The Shield staff

Renovate: to restore to an earlier state.

The renovation crew for the Physical Activities Center (PAC) at USI is not only redefining the center itself, but also redefining the definition of what it is to renovate.

According to Jim Ahrens, assistant director of procurement, the floor replacement will cost \$325,000 and the new seating will cost \$635,000.

This money being put into the PAC is definitely bringing the PAC beyond its earlier state.

The money put into the renovation of the PAC has great potential to be earned back quickly.

Having more seats and floor could equal out to a better overall

experience to spectators that come to watch the games at the PAC.

There hasn't been any implication's on how comfortable the new seats will be, but they are sure to make spectators a lot more comfortable while watching the activities at the PAC.

In essence, the larger the number of happier spectators the more money USI will bring in.

The renovated floor and seating should provide a better area for jumping up and down. This should actually make the need for seating obsolete.

However, the journalists and radio broadcasters could use the extra room to avoid being smothered by diving athletes, saving balls from going out of bounds and more time to react before getting drilled by an incoming projectile that couldn't be saved.

Other than the benefits of attracting more spectators and saving journalists from "sports" injuries, the renovated PAC could also provide USI's athletes with a renovated sense of pride.

Not that they needed it, but the feeling of playing, cheering, and dancing in a new facility can encompass more than just the pride.

It can provide a better sense of belonging given the fact that their school took the time and the money to make their experience at USI that much better.

**Contractors work on the new floor. The PAC is being renovated for the first time since its opening.**

Photo courtesy of  
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# Summer camps: something for everyone

<p><b>Baseball:</b> Camp Dates: Developmental Camp June 12-15, 2006: Ages 7-12 (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.) Hitting Camps June 19-22, 2006: Ages 7-12 (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.) June 26-28, 2006: Ages 13-18 (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.)</p>	<p><b>Men's Basketball:</b> Camp Dates: Day Camp May 30-June 2: Ages 6-10 and 11-16 June 5-7: Ages 6-10 and 11-16 Individual Overnight Camp June 9-11 Team Camps June 16-18: Varsity and JV I July 14-16: Varsity and JV II Middle School Team Camp July 23-25</p>	<p><b>Women's Basketball:</b> Camp Dates: Shooting Camps for Grades 6-12 June 3: Perimeter Skills/3-Point Shooting, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Inside Skills/Post Shootings, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Day Camps for Grades 1-5 June 12-15: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Overnight/Commuter Camps for Grades 6-12 June 18-22: Overnighter registration, 3-5 p.m. Commuter registration, 5-6 p.m. High School Team Camp June 23-25</p>
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<p><b>Cross Country/Track and Field:</b> Camp Dates: July 19-23</p>	<p><b>Golf</b> Camp Dates: TBA</p>
<p><b>Men's Soccer:</b> May 30-June 2, 2006: Boys and Girls ages 5-17 July 10-13, 2006: Boys and Girls ages 5-17</p>	<p><b>Women's Soccer:</b> May 30-June 2, 2006: Boys and Girls ages 5-17 July 10-13, 2006: Boys and Girls ages 5-17</p>
<p><b>Softball:</b> Camp Dates: January 21: Beginning Pitching (10 a.m. -- Noon) Catching (10 a.m. -- Noon) Advanced Pitching (1-3 p.m.) Infield/Outfield Defense (1-3 p.m.) January 22: Hitting (10 a.m. -- 1 p.m.) Hitting (3-6 p.m.) February 5: Hitting (9 a.m. -- Noon) Pitching (10 a.m. -- Noon) Hitting (2-5 p.m.)</p>	<p><b>Volleyball:</b> Camp Dates: Middle School Skills Camp June 26-28, 2006 Elementary School Skills Camp June 26-28, 2006 High School Skills Camp July 7-9, 2006</p>

By JEREMY BISHOP  
The Shield staff

Whether you're a continuing education student looking to keep your rug rats busy over the summer, or a current student athlete looking to get your younger sibling a head start in their career as a college athlete, USI has a summer program for you.

There are a total of nine summer camps available for future student athletes at USI.

Nearly every sport is covered including baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball, soccer, track and golf.

Head coaches of each college level sport at USI instruct the camps.

With such expertise available, these camps are sure to provide a solid education in your child or younger siblings sport or sports of choice.

With the varying dates of the camps, it is possible to participate in more than one summer camp.

For example, soccer camps for both boys and girls from 5-17 years old have a choice of attending the four-day camp either May 30, June 2 or July 10.

Then your daughter or younger sister can attend the volleyball camp June 26 through June 28 if she is in middle school or elementary school, and July 7 through July 9 if she is in high school.

Meanwhile your son or little brother from ages 6 to 16 can attend the basketball camp held June 5 through June 7.

Each camp will teach the campers valuable fundamentals in the sport or sports of their choice.

All of the camps allow the campers to use their newly acquired skills in tournaments at the end of the week.

The particular breakdown of what each camp has to offer is available by accessing <http://www.usi.edu/sports/camps.asp>.

From this Web site you will be able to see an overall view of all the camps and what dates they start.

You will also find links to registration forms and descriptions of what your child or younger sibling will be learning at the camps.

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# Campus Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Can-O-Rama benefit in the McDonald East visitors parking lot	Final Exams 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Spirit and Mind Enhancers Come and bring a towel or blanket. Attend one or all of the sessions. Ed 1102	Final Exams 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Spirit Soothers and Mind Enhancers Come and bring a towel or blanket. Attend one or all of the sessions. Ed 1102  5 p.m. Smoking Cessation program for employees. HP 2027  9:30 p.m. Student Housing Association Meeting Mcwest Rec Room	11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Wiener Wednesday Students receive complimentary hot dogs, chips, cookies and sodas. This finals week event is sponsored by the USI Alumni Association.  12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch and Learn: Finding Health Info on the Internet USI Wellness Committee is sponsoring Lunch and Learn Programs. HP 1006  4:30 p.m. Indiana College Network registration deadline for Summer I Registrars	4:30 - 5 p.m. Student Alumni Association Meeting Membership is open to all undergraduate students. No dues or initiation. UC 206  7 p.m. Ropewalk reading Series: Allison Joseph Kleymeyer Hall  9 p.m. APB/SHA Mid-night Breakfast/Chill Out Cater Hall/The Loft	8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Last Day for schedule revisions and withdrawal from the semester For more information, visit the Office of the Registrar  4:30 p.m. International Club End of the year Picnic Celebrate a wonderful year with great memories with the International Club End of Year Picnic. Grimes Haus  8 p.m. Quilters USI Theatre Production of Quilters Call 812-465-1635 for more information. Igleheart Theatre	9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Can-O-Rama The University's Habitat chapter will host a Can-O-Rama benefit in the McDonald East visitors parking lot located on the corner of Clark Lane and Schutte Road on the USI campus.  8 p.m. Quilters USI Theatre Production of Quilters Call 812-465-1635 for more information. Igleheart Theatre

## PROTESTS

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Roberts explained France has much stronger labor unions than the United States, workers are protected much more with benefits, there is no firing without justification and there is a higher minimum wage.

Unions make the workers powerful, and striking is common. "In France, it seems striking is a national sport," she said. "They [the French government] thought maybe everyone protesting would just go away, but it didn't stop."

Protests continued in full force until Chirac announced April 10 that legislators would replace the CPE with new law offering cash incentives for employers to hire young workers.

Roberts said the students who protested will encounter no lasting problems at all, nobody will lose course credit, and final exams will start in June.

"Just a mini French Revolution, and then back to class," she said.

## METH

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When using meth, the brain is working so fast that they can only pay attention to someone else for a matter of seconds.

They have open sores, bad teeth, sunken in faces, and bad hair. They may live in their car or have no home at all, according to Tooley.

Methamphetamine is a powerful drug, acting by changing how the brain works.

It also speeds up many functions in the body as it is similar to an amphetamine.

Tooley said that meth had many long lasting consequences.

Paranoia, aggressiveness, and hallucinations are just some of the well known side effects.

Meth is so addictive that a person is willing to do anything to get more.

"I have gone to the door to

'Recovery is a miracle. It lasts for a life time'

**-Jerry Tooley  
Evansville City police officer and member of the Joint Narcotics Task Force**

question someone about meth, and they have told me that they have kids in the house," said Tooley. "If kids are around a meth user, it makes no difference. Their life is about getting that next hit of meth."

"While cocaine and meth are the same price gram for gram it is much harder to obtain meth," said Tooley.

Meth is an eight- 12- hour high while crack cocaine lasts only 20-30 minutes.

A meth user does not want

the high to go away so they keep using every time they start to come down.

This could make them stay awake for up to 14 days, according to Tooley.

While 5% of meth users are sent for treatment from their family, close friends, and employers, 95% are coming from the court system, according to Williams.

"When people come to Stepping Stone, they are extremely resistant. We work

with that," said Williams.

Meth is a problem in the southern part of Indiana, as Knox County ranks among the highest counties with a meth problem in the state.

Funding is down for meth rehabilitation.

Stepping Stone, a rehabilitation facility, receives clients from as far away as Indianapolis.

Average detox is three to five days long, though a residential stay is usually 12 days.

While the meth is physically out of the body, it goes on to affect the client mentally for an extended period of time, according to Williams.

"Recovery is a miracle. It lasts for a life time," said Williams.

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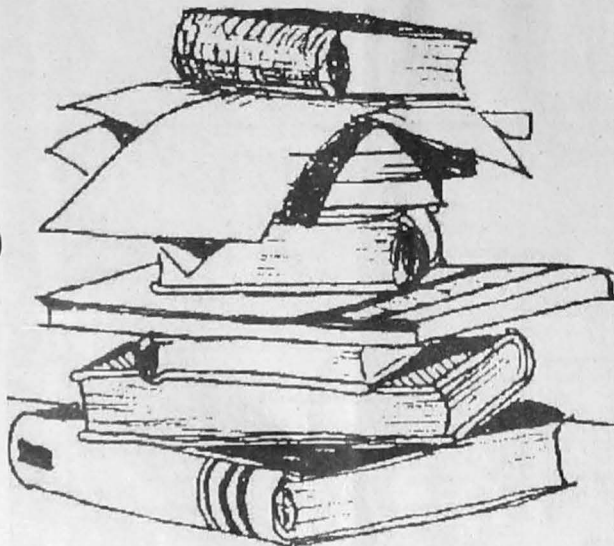
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